



## Area Labor Profile

**Lanier**

**County**



Updated: Dec 2016

## Labor Force Activity - 2015

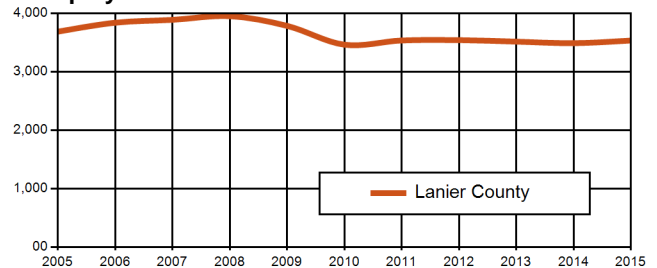
### 2015 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Lanier	3,783	3,532	251	6.6%
Atkinson	3,872	3,656	216	5.6%
Berrien	7,010	6,521	489	7.0%
Clinch	2,843	2,650	193	6.8%
Echols	1,840	1,754	86	4.7%
Lowndes	50,355	47,359	2,996	5.9%
<b>Lanier Area</b>	<b>69,703</b>	<b>65,472</b>	<b>4,231</b>	<b>6.1%</b>
Georgia	4,770,873	4,490,931	279,942	5.9%
United States	157,129,917	148,833,417	8,296,333	5.3%

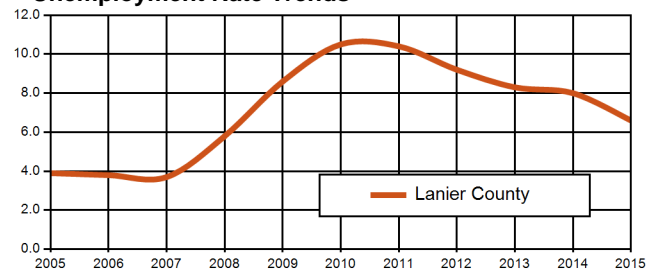
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

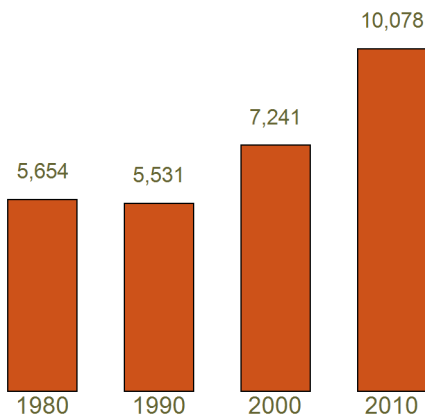
### Employment Trends



### Unemployment Rate Trends



### Population Estimates



### Population

	2010 Census	2015 Rank	2015 Estimate	% Change 2000-2015	2025 Projected*	% Change 2010-2025
<b>Lanier</b>	<b>10,078</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>10,312</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>12,142</b>	<b>20.5</b>
City of Lakeland	3,366					
<b>Lanier Area</b>	<b>157,804</b>		<b>161,471</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>181,713</b>	<b>15.2</b>
Georgia	9,687,653		10,214,860	5.4	11,538,707	19.1
United States	308,745,538		321,418,820	4.1	349,439,199	13.2

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, \*Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

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# Industry Mix - 2nd Quarter of 2016

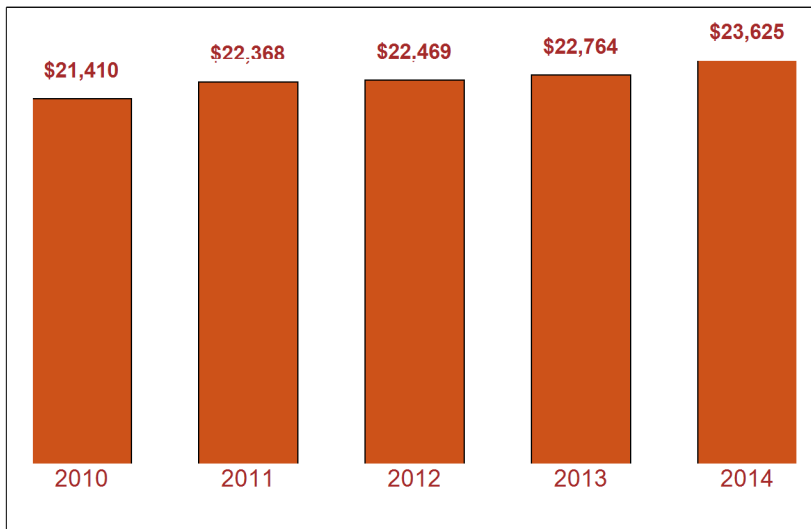
INDUSTRY	Lanier				Lanier Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT		WEEKLY WAGE
		NUMBER	PERCENT			NUMBER	PERCENT	
<b>Goods-Producing</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>11,864</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>768</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	11	*	*	*	126	2,546	4.2	401
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0.0	0	3	*	*	*
Construction	15	23	1.2	409	315	2,551	4.2	945
Manufacturing	7	142	7.6	611	149	6,726	11.2	840
Wood Product	1	*	*	*	17	1,078	1.8	713
Fabricated Metal Product	1	*	*	*	25	1,041	1.7	931
Machinery	1	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Furniture and Related Product	3	*	*	*	14	99	0.2	531
Miscellaneous	1	*	*	*	5	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Apparel	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Primary Metal	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Beverage and Tobacco Product	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Electrical Equipment, Appliance, and Component	0	0	0.0	0	2	*	*	*
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	5	*	*	*
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	5	448	0.7	1,377
Printing and Related Support Activities	0	0	0.0	0	6	76	0.1	683
Transportation Equipment	0	0	0.0	0	8	1,141	1.9	847
Textile Product Mills	0	0	0.0	0	9	86	0.1	477
Chemical	0	0	0.0	0	9	180	0.3	972
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	0	0	0.0	0	9	197	0.3	846
Plastics and Rubber Products	0	0	0.0	0	13	1,147	1.9	696
Food	0	0	0.0	0	15	703	1.2	792
<b>Service-Providing</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>2,925</b>	<b>35,155</b>	<b>58.3</b>	<b>541</b>
Utilities	1	*	*	*	19	199	0.3	1,342
Wholesale Trade	2	*	*	*	176	1,417	2.4	863
Retail Trade	20	130	6.9	507	618	7,558	12.5	461
Transportation and Warehousing	2	*	*	*	104	3,018	5.0	758
Information	1	*	*	*	34	1,678	2.8	472
Finance and Insurance	5	*	*	*	161	1,227	2.0	902
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	4	6	0.3	217	161	859	1.4	628
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	7	9	0.5	375	257	1,376	2.3	979
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0.0	0	12	224	0.4	1,306
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	7	24	1.3	290	202	2,646	4.4	472
Educational Services	0	0	0.0	0	24	307	0.5	445
Health Care and Social Assistance	6	37	2.0	500	406	5,068	8.4	712
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1	*	*	*	33	1,096	1.8	272
Accommodation and Food Services	9	107	5.7	267	319	7,148	11.9	248
Other Services (except Public Administration)	5	*	*	*	264	1,174	1.9	451
<b>Unclassified - industry not assigned</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>534</b>
<b>Total - Private Sector</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>66.2</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>3,518</b>	<b>47,019</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>598</b>
<b>Total - Government</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>13,268</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>704</b>
Federal Government	3	15	0.8	730	74	1,208	2.0	768
State Government	9	79	4.2	580	69	3,177	5.3	776
Local Government	9	540	28.8	620	67	8,883	14.7	670
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>1,878</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>3,728</b>	<b>60,288</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>622</b>
<b>ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia</b>					<b>298,099</b>	<b>4,257,675</b>		<b>930</b>

Note: \*Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average number of employees who had earnings; average earnings are then divided by the number of weeks in a reporting period to obtain weekly figures. Figures in other columns may not sum accurately due to rounding. All figures are 2nd Quarter of 2016.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor. These data represent jobs that are covered by unemployment insurance laws.

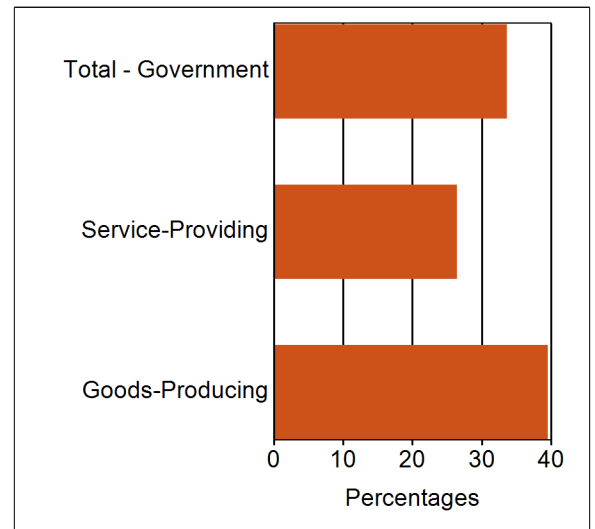
## Lanier Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



## Lanier Industry Mix 2016

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



## Top Ten Largest Employers - 2015\*

### Lanier

Affinity Building Systems, LLC  
 Connell Cabinets & Millworks, Inc.  
 Farmers & Merchants Bank  
 Ga Dept Of Corrections  
 Georgia Printco, LLC  
 Lanier Municipal Supply Company, Inc.  
 McDonalds  
 Patten Berry Farm, LLC  
 Patten Seed Company  
 Strickland Farms, LLC

\*Note: Represents employment covered by unemployment insurance excluding all government agencies except correctional institutions, state and local hospitals, state colleges and universities. Data shown for the Third Quarter of 2015. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

### Lanier Area

Bway Corporation, Inc.  
 Chaparral Boats, Inc.  
 Convergys Customer Management  
 Data Software Services, LLC  
 Home Depot  
 Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.  
 Parkwood Development Center  
 Ponder Enterprises  
 Valdosta State University  
 Walmart

### COUNTY

Clinch  
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## Commuting Patterns

### EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

#### Lanier

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Lowndes, GA	1,763	46.3
Lanier, GA	1,301	34.2
Berrien, GA	282	7.4
Clinch, GA	200	5.3
Coffee, GA	109	2.9
Cook, GA	74	1.9
Colquitt, GA	41	1.1
Brooks, GA	11	0.3
Other	24	0.6
<b>Total Residents:</b>	<b>3,805</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### PERSONS WORKING IN

#### Lanier

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Lanier, GA	1,301	78.6
Lowndes, GA	134	8.1
Berrien, GA	74	4.5
Cook, GA	62	3.7
Clinch, GA	46	2.8
Hamilton, FL	15	0.9
Coffee, GA	13	0.8
Echols, GA	11	0.7
<b>Total Residents:</b>	<b>1,656</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Note: Other category represents employment from U.S. counties only.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 County-To-County Worker Flow Files.

# Education of the Labor Force

## Lanier Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Elementary	6.6%	2.5%	4.8%	5.9%	6.2%	16.4%
Some High School	13.8%	14.5%	13.5%	11.4%	13.5%	16.6%
High School Grad/GED	33.0%	31.7%	27.0%	32.0%	37.2%	34.7%
Some College	24.2%	41.4%	24.7%	23.4%	17.4%	14.2%
College Grad 2 Yr	6.7%	4.5%	10.4%	8.4%	6.7%	3.1%
College Grad 4 Yr	10.3%	5.3%	14.6%	12.0%	10.6%	8.9%
Post Graduate Studies	5.5%	0.2%	4.9%	6.9%	8.5%	6.1%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Totals are based on the portion of the labor force between ages 18 - 65+. The "Some College" category represents workers with less than two years of college and no degree.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2010 Decennial Census.

## High School Graduates - 2015

	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS*	TOTAL
Atkinson	83	--	83
Berrien	208	--	208
Clinch	81	--	81
Echols	58	--	58
Lanier	81	--	81
Lowndes	1,068	--	1,068
<b>Lanier Area</b>	<b>1,579</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>1,579</b>



Note: Public schools include city as well as county schools systems.

\* Private schools data is not available for 2015 from Georgia Independent School Association.

Source: The Governor's Office of Student Achievement of Georgia.

## Colleges and Universities

### Lanier Area

#### Lowndes

Georgia Military College-Valdosta Campus

Embry-Riddle - Moody Center

<http://fusion.erau.edu/ec/www/centerinfo.cfm?code=b8>

Valdosta State University

[www.valdosta.edu](http://www.valdosta.edu)

Moody Air Force Base Campus (Satellite campus of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College)

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Note: The colleges and universities listed include public and private institutions. This list is updated periodically as information becomes available.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

## Technical College Graduates - 2015\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping°	47	55	76	17.0	38.2
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	35	39	58	11.4	48.7

# Technical College Graduates - 2015\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist°	18	24	69	33.3	187.5
Allied Health and Medical Assisting Services, Other°	49	93	203	89.8	118.3
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician°	16	29	55	81.3	89.7
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician°	50	43	307	-14.0	614.0
Banking and Financial Support Services°	18	22	25	22.2	13.6
Business Administration and Management, General°	6	9	39	50.0	333.3
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician°	1	1	21	0.0	2000.0
Child Care Provider/Assistant°	29	34	175	17.2	414.7
Communications Systems Installation and Repair Technology°	4	11	13	175.0	18.2
Computer and Information Systems Security/Information Assurance°	9	7	15	-22.2	114.3
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician°	10	16	32	60.0	100.0
Computer Programming/Programmer, General°	5	8	17	60.0	112.5
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General°	104	123	333	18.3	170.7
Criminal Justice/Safety Studies°	70	127	287	81.4	126.0
Culinary Arts/Chef Training	7	3	30	-57.1	900.0
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician°	16	25	33	56.3	32.0
Dental Assisting/Assistant	11	6	14	-45.5	133.3
Design and Visual Communications, General°	9	17	38	88.9	123.5
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General	3	1	2	-66.7	100.0
Early Childhood Education and Teaching°	43	21	81	-51.2	285.7
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General°	1	6	11	500.0	83.3
Electrician°	19	30	41	57.9	36.7
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)°	32	17	180	-46.9	958.8
Game and Interactive Media Design°	1	2	16	100.0	700.0
Health Information/Medical Records Technology/Technician°	15	23	42	53.3	82.6
Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General°	1	5	61	400.0	1120.0
Heating, Air Conditioning, Ventilation and Refrigeration Maintenance Technology°	58	62	83	6.9	33.9
Industrial Mechanics and Maintenance Technology°	16	40	72	150.0	80.0
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	109	95	128	-12.8	34.7
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant°	5	5	22	0.0	340.0
Marketing/Marketing Management, General	15	18	38	20.0	111.1
Medical Transcription/Transcriptionist°	4	3	1	-25.0	-66.7
Medical/Clinical Assistant	30	20	34	-33.3	70.0
Network and System Administration/Administrator°	22	8	33	-63.6	312.5
Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide°	2	11	31	450.0	181.8
Ophthalmic and Optometric Support Services and Allied Professions, Other°	6	7	13	16.7	85.7

## Technical College Graduates - 2015\*

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2013	2014	2015	2013-2014	2014-2015
Pharmacy Technician/Assistant°	8	13	12	62.5	-7.7
Phlebotomy Technician/Phlebotomist°	41	53	42	29.3	-20.8
Photographic and Film/Video Technology/Technician and Assistant	1	9	3	800.0	-66.7
Radiologic Technology/Science - Radiographer°	20	21	14	5.0	-33.3
Restaurant, Culinary, and Catering Management/Manager°	2	15	36	650.0	140.0
Surgical Technology/Technologist	10	10	22	0.0	120.0
Truck and Bus Driver/Commercial Vehicle Operator and Instructor°	111	136	268	22.5	97.1
Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design°	1	1	3	0.0	200.0
Welding Technology/Welder°	43	89	192	107.0	115.7

Definition: All graduates except those listed as technical certificates(°) are diploma and degree graduates. Diploma and degree programs are one to two years in length. Technical certificates are less than a year in length. Duplication may occur due to graduates with multiple awards.

Source: Technical College System of Georgia

\*Data shown represents Annual 2013, 2014, and 2015.

Note: Please visit TCSG website for any college configuration changes.

## Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor

	TOTAL	Mgt.	Bus. and Finance	Comp. and Arch. and Math	Eng.	Life and Soc. Svcs.	Comm. and Svcs	Legal	Ed. and Training	Arts and Design	Health Prac.	Health Support
Atkinson	69	6	11	0	5	2	0	2	2	4	26	11
Berrien	124	6	10	13	0	5	24	0	16	15	17	18
Clinch	54	1	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10
Echols	9	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Lanier	182	4	0	8	81	2	0	0	10	1	67	9
Lowndes	1,192	70	216	87	78	5	23	0	173	101	267	172
Subtotal Area	1,630	90	278	108	165	14	47	2	206	121	379	220

## Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor (cont.)

	TOTAL	Protect. Svcs.	Food Prep.	Ground Cleaning	Personal Care	Sales	Office Support	Farm. and Forestry	Cons- truction	Installation Main.	Prod.	Trans. and Moving
Atkinson	1,067	0	34	8	13	181	173	136	27	69	207	219
Berrien	1,439	35	43	6	11	136	388	0	30	178	314	298
Clinch	364	5	7	1	6	7	145	6	11	3	34	139
Echols	266	0	0	0	3	22	59	47	8	7	106	14
Lanier	622	17	9	8	7	33	235	7	15	86	88	117
Lowndes	5,824	154	327	119	137	318	1,225	117	206	759	1,568	894
Subtotal Area	9,582	211	420	142	177	697	2,225	313	297	1,102	2,317	1,681

Note: For current applicant data available for a specific occupation, contact the nearest Georgia Department of Labor Career Center.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor (active applicants as of October 2016).

# Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

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